do and Srinagar we will do but that does not mean that these airports become international airports. Rest assured that international airports are only four which are in the country and there is never going to be a fifth one until and unless we come back to Parliament and take permission. But as far as the international flights are concerned, as we see the future, we have to have certain Air India international flights and any foreign charter if they want to come in the country on those airports which are prepared to receive them.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, I thank you for calling me. During the last sixteen years, persistently I am raising myself the question of an aircraft being diverted to Belgaum via Kolhapur. That is a fact. I am not at all asking about the availability of an aircraft. A flight is going to Ratnagiri. A flight is going to Belgaum. The airport is already under construction and will be ready. A town which is bustling with industry and trade has been denied the judicious and natural possibility of starting an airport at Kolhapur. Would the hon. Minister assure me that either the Bombay-Belgaum flight or the Bombay-Ratnagiri flight will be diverted via Kolhapur, which will serve the purpose for the present? At least this assurance is really necessary.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: I would like to assure the hon. Member that by December 1988, we will have the airport ready.

**श्री सभापति** : अभी तैयार नहीं है ।

**श्री अरविंद गणेश कुलकर्णी** : तैयार हो गया है, आपको मालूम नहीं है कि वह तैयार हो गया है ।

**श्री सभापति** : मंत्री जी को नहीं मालूम है, आपको मालूम है ।

**श्री अरविंद गणेश कुलकर्णी** : वे दिल्ली में बैठते हैं, हम कोल्हापुर में रहते हैं ।

**श्री सभापति** : कोल्हापुर आपके घर से दूर है ।

**श्री अरविंद गणेश कुलकर्णी** : 15 माइल इस नाट मच ।

**श्री सभापति** : ज्यादा दूर नहीं थोड़ा दूर है । दिल के करीब है आपके ।

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: We will request the State Government to hurry up with the work. By December 1988 we will have the airport. Even if we do not have the aircraft capacity, we will consider the suggestion you have given sympathetically.

**Agitation by Doctors' Association against Non-Implementation of Package Award**

*304. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Joint Action Council of C.G.H.S. and other Service Doctors' Associations are agitating against non-implementation of the package offered by Government in July last following the doctors' strike; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The Government have received representations from Joint Action Council of Central Health Service and other Service Doctors' Association for early implementation of package of benefits offered in July, 1987.

(b) A statement indicating action taken to implement the package of benefits is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 76]

I may add that there is hardly anything to add to the information given. On every count, the actions taken, the orders issued or, in one or two cases, the orders under issue have been given. So, after this information is given, if there is anything further that the Member wants, I am prepared to give further information.

**श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : माननीय सभापति जी, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या यह सही नहीं है कि जो आल इंडिया इंस्टीट्यूट आफ मेडिकल साइंसेस है जो वहां के चिकित्सक हैं उनके सेवा निवृत होने की आयु 60 वर्ष है और सी० जी० एच० एस० के जो डाक्टर्स हैं उनके सेवा निवृत होने की आयु 58 वर्ष की है । इनकी मांग थी कि इनके सेवा निवृत होने की आयु में भी वृद्धि की जाये । मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या कारण है कि इन दोनों में इतना अंतर है और इनकी इस मांग को क्यों नहीं माना जा रहा है ?

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: This was to be considered in the context of the general policy of the Government with regard to the retirement age of various categories of Central Government employees. At present, therefore, there is no proposal to raise the retirement age only for the CGHS. It is part and parcel of the entire gamut of Government service. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences is a different institution. It is an institution established by an Act of Parliament and it has certain autonomy. That autonomy is not available to Government servants in general and the CGHS in particular.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: They are not employees of the Central Government. These doctors are working in the AIIMS.

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: They are working in an institution. That institution has certain internal autonomy. As a result of their autonomy, there are many other institutions also which have made certain variations in the age of superannuation. The Government cannot do it in one department. The Government has to do it across the board.

**श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : मान्यवर, समूहकाल के 12 वर्ष वाले वरिष्ठ सेवा वाले चिकित्सा अधिकारियों की जो पदोन्नति होनी थी वरिष्टता एवं योग्यता के आधार पर, तो इसमें मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि इस श्रेणी में कितने चिकित्सक अधिकारी आते हैं और केवल 379 अधिकारियों की पदोन्नति क्य की जा रही है ?

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: Sanction has been obtained for upgradin 500 posts of Senior Medical Officers the level of Chief Medical Officers. C ders in regard to 389 officers have be issued so far. This is a continuous pro ramme and other order will also be issued.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: What is the total number?

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: Five hundred.

**श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा** : माननीय मंत्री जी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि जो उन्होंने अपने उत्तर में बताया है कि आदेश जारी कर दिये गये हैं दसों प्रकार के आदेश उन्होंने जारी किये हैं । तो कृपया यह बतायेंगे कि यह आदेश कब जारी किये हैं और क्या उन आदेशों का इम्पलिमेंटेशन हो गया है ? यह उन्होंने इन्श्योर कर लिया है ।

इसी का "बी" पार्ट है, मान्यवर, कि उनको नान-प्रेक्टिसिंग अलौंस किस हिसाब से—क्या 1-1-1986 के हिसाब से नान-प्रैक्टिसिंग अलौंस उनको दिया जा रहा है या किस हिसाब से दिया जा रहा है और कब उसी के हिसाब से उनको अकामोडेशन भी प्राप्त होगा ?

**श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव** : अकामोडेशन के सिलसिले में इसमें कुछ नहीं है। N.P.A. is to be paid to doctors at the following rates. Item No. 1-Below Rs 3000/-, it is Rs. 600/-. 3000/- and above..

**श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा** : वह तो देख लिया है मान्यवर ।

**श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव** : वह बस यही है ।

**श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा** : नहीं, कब से आदेश दिये हैं और क्या इनका इम्पलिमेंटेशन हो गया है ?

श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव : मैं आपको बता सकता हूं कि आर्डर्ज हुए हैं। आज की हालात में कोई आर्डर अभी बाकी नहीं है। कौनसा आर्डर कब इशु हुआ है और उसका आज क्या इम्पलिमेंटेशन है, इसके बारे में मैं आपको बता सकता हूं। इसके बारे में कोई छिपाने की बात नहीं है।

SHRI CHITTA BASU: May I know whether it is a fact that some assurances were given to the doctors for the payment of contingency allowances of Rs. 1200/—I mean to all the D.M.Os.—to encourage them to improve and update their knowledge and professional competence? Was this assurance given to them before asking them to withdraw the strike? If so, what has been done about it? Does the Government propose to give them the contigency allowance as assured?

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: This question pertains to a specified matter. It is a package offered by Government in July last following the doctors' strike. Now the answer specifically tells you what has been done in regard to each item in that package. Anything outside the package is not covered by the question. If information is needed on that, then I faintly remember some mention of this, I can give you the information later. This is not contained in the list.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: I want to draw your attention to the fact that your Secretary, Mr. S. S. Dhanoa, wrote a letter....

MR. CHAIRMAN: You talk to him about it separately.

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: I faintly remember a mention of this. It is not a part of the package.

**Damage to Art pieces sent to U.S.S.R. for the Festival of India**

*305. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:†
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated 28th February, 1988 wherein it has been stated that art pieces which were sent last year for the Festival of India in USSR have been received back in a damaged condition;

(b) if so, what are the details of such art pieces which were found damaged and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 77].

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, the art objects which have been sent to the USA and France earlier have returned damaged. Now the art objects sent to the USSR have returned damaged as per the statement of the hon. Minister. Will the hon. Minister review the Government's policy to ensure that the precious art objects are not sent to other countries in future? I want this assurance from the hon. Minister.

SHRI L. P. SHAHI: Sir, the Government has constituted a Committee. They are marking the various art objects as 'AA' or 'A'. The art objects with 'AA' marking will never be sent outside the country.

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†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri V. Narayanasamy.